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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT (FEBRUARY

REMOVAL OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT TO THE KABUL BLACK MARKET.

13. (U) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS: SOME OF THE YOUTH
LABOR CONTINGENT REPORTED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA AS HAVING
RETURNED FROM KANDAHAR TO KABUL IN TIME TO BEGIN CLASSES
AT KABUL UNIVERSITY RELATED THAT THEIR TWO-MONTH DETAIL
HAD INVOLVED CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIME MILITARY BARRACKS
AT KESHI JADID NEAR SPIN BULDAK. THE TEAM WAS THE
FOURTH YOUTH BRIGADE ASSIGNED TO WORK ON THE PROJECT IN
THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS. (NOTE: REGIME MEDIA TREATMENT
OF THE CONSCRIPTED YOUTH TEAMS BEING SENT TO KANDAHAR
HAVE NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE YOUTH ARE BEING USED
FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION WORK.)

19. (U) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT
PICTURES OF THE FORMER KING HAVE BEEN SEEN IN SHOPS IN
KANDAHAR AND IN KABUL'S KHAIR KHANA DISTRICT. AT A
MAJOR RALLY STAGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE
LATEST ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS IN GENEVA, OBSERVERS
NOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME POSTER-SIZE PICTURES OF
PRESIDENT NAJIBULLAH IN THE CROWD, WHICH COMPRISED
REGIME AND PARTY CADRE.

20. (U) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

A. AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES FOR THE REGIME AIR FORCE: A
DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM HERAT
REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT ON FEBRUARY 29, 20 TRUCKLOADS OF
AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES (EACH TRUCK CARRIED 40 MISSILES)
ARRIVED IN THE HERAT AREA FROM THE SOVIET BORDER AT
TORGHUNDI. A SIMILAR SHIPMENT IS EXPECTED SOON FROM
HAIRATAN TO THE KABUL AREA. BOTH SHIPMENTS REPORTEDLY
ARE FOR THE REGIME AIR FORCE.

6. KHAD RECRUITMENT PROBLEMS: EFFORTS REPORTED EARLIER
TO EXPAND THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY (KHAD) ARMED
FORCES CONTINUE TO BE STALLED BECAUSE OF POOR
RECRUITMENT. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT THE
REGIME HAS DECIDED TO TRANSFER SOME ARMY PERSONNEL

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"TEMPORARILY" INTO KHAD FORCES TO MAKE UP THE PERSONNEL SHORTFALL. THE MOVEMENT IS NOT VOLUNTARY BUT IS COMPENSATED BY HIGHER SALARIES AND A BONUS TO THOSE TRANSFERING INTO KHAD SERVICE.

C MILITARY SALARIES: A REPORT SOURCED TO AN AFGHAN CLAIMS THAT AT A SECRET MEETING EARLY IN THE WEEK A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF ARMY PERSONNEL, BUT NOT TO INCREASE SALARIES FOR KHAD OR SARANDOI. THE DECISION REPORTEDLY CAUSED DISSENSION IN THE RANKS OF THE KHAD AND SARANDOI.

(U) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS:

COMMODITY MARKET TRENDS: FEBRUARY COMMODITY PRICES WENT UP IN ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT MEAT WHICH, FOLLOWING UNPRECEDENTED RISES IN JANUARY, FELL BACK SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY. LEADING THE FEBRUARY PRICE RISE WERE VEGETABLES, UP 24 PERCENT OVER JANUARY PRICES. FUELS WERE UP NINE PERCENT. MEASURED AGAINST FEBRUARY 1987 PRICES, PRICES THIS FEBRUARY WERE UP ON AVERAGE 40 PERCENT, LED BY RISES IN MEAT (UP 64 PERCENT), DAIRY ADMIN
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